



TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

R. B. 5256, "An Act Concerning Local Appeals of Decisions of Local Traffic Authorities"

CCM opposes this bill.

R.B. 5256 would mandate that local legislative bodies hear appeals of persons aggrieved by decisions of local traffic entities.

The bill would allow anyone with a complaint about a traffic light or sign, etc. to appeal directly to city councils. Direct appeals to local legislative bodies should be rare and done with care, so as not to burden such councils or micro-manage communities.

A solution in search of a problem, CCM is unaware of any widespread problems that would necessitate this proposal.

CCM urges the Committee to take no action on this proposal.

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